

**657—3.22 (155A) Technical functions.** At the discretion of the supervising pharmacist, the following technical functions, in addition to any of the functions authorized for a pharmacy support person pursuant to 657—Chapter 5, may be delegated to a pharmacy technician as specified in the following subrules.

**3.22(1) *Certified pharmacy technician.*** Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a certified pharmacy technician may perform technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist including, but not limited to, the following:

- a.* Perform packaging, manipulative, or repetitive tasks relating to the processing of a prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy.
- b.* Accept prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's agent.
- c.* Contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations.
- d.* Process pertinent patient information, including information regarding allergies and disease state.
- e.* Enter prescription and patient information into the pharmacy computer system.
- f.* Inspect drug supplies provided and controlled by an Iowa-licensed pharmacy but located or maintained outside the pharmacy department, including but not limited to drug supplies maintained in an ambulance or other emergency medical service vehicle, a long-term care facility, a hospital patient care unit, or a hospice facility.
- g.* Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- h.* Prepackage or label multi-dose and single-dose packages of drugs as provided in 657—Chapter 22.
- i.* Perform drug compounding processes as provided in 657—Chapter 20.
- j.* As provided in rule 657—3.24(155A), accept new prescription drug orders or medication orders communicated to the pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's agent.

**3.22(2) *Pharmacy technician trainee.*** Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician trainee may perform only the following technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist:

- a.* Perform packaging, manipulative, or repetitive tasks relating to the processing of a prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy.
- b.* Accept prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's agent.
- c.* Contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations.
- d.* Process pertinent patient information, including information regarding allergies and disease state.
- e.* Enter prescription and patient information into the pharmacy computer system.
- f.* Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- g.* Prepackage or label multi-dose and single-dose packages of drugs as provided in 657—Chapter 22.
- h.* Under the supervision of a pharmacist who provides training and evaluates and monitors trainee competence in the compounding processes, perform drug compounding processes as provided in 657—Chapter 20.